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DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Deputies' Meeting the Director discussed briefly a request made to him by Stan Grogan that he autograph a CIA Seal for a newspaper man. The Director seemed to place great significance on such an act, harking back to the Seal hanging in his office which was autographed by President Truman. He concluded that he did not think it was appropriate for him to autograph and present Seals except on rare occasions and presumably only to distinguished people. H

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4. Gates, Larry Houston and I lunched with Messrs. Samuelson and Pahl, General Accounting Office, to discuss the beginning of their expanded audit. They want to start by reading the book of statutes applicable to CIA, which has been compiled by our General Counsel, Agency Regulations on our organization, mission and functions, etc. They will then arrange for a series of briefings on the Support offices, after which they will go to the Office of the Comptroller to take a look at our accounting procedures. The next step will probably be to look at the Procurement Division in the Office of Logistics. (I have designated [REDACTED] as their official point of contact for the time being.) H

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5. I met with Lyman Kirkpatrick and Shef Edwards to discuss the recent anonymous letter which General Cabell, Lyman and I received complaining about conditions in the [REDACTED] and particularly an incident in which some heavy boxes were delivered to [REDACTED] house. With the exception of trying to identify the writer of the anonymous letter and the alert that we may in fact have a morale problem in the Office of Security, Lyman agreed that insofar as he was concerned we need take no further action. We told Lyman that insofar as any improper action on the part of [REDACTED] was concerned we thought that he should take whatever action he deemed appropriate.

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[REDACTED] s request I supplied him with a brief memorandum (signed by [REDACTED] o with General Cabell's retirement status.

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